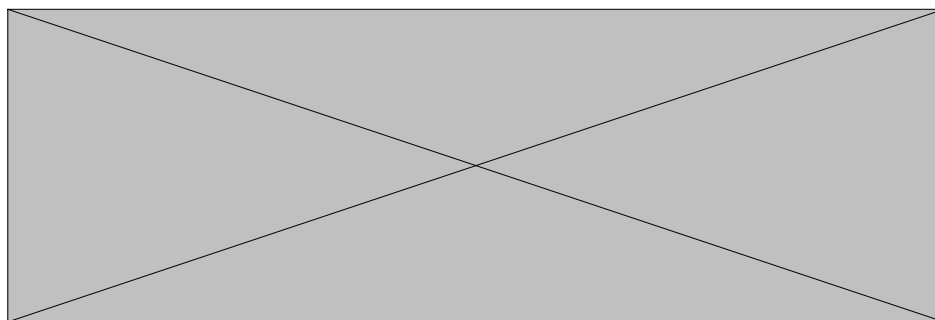


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Secretary Zinke Appoints Members to the Royalty Policy Committee, Announces First Meeting

Significant Step Toward Restoring Public Trust, Collaborative Development of Federal Lands

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced the appointment of 20 primary and 18 alternate members to the Department of the Interior's [Royalty Policy Committee](#) (Committee) that will serve a critical role in advising the Secretary on policy and strategies to improve management of the multi-billion dollar, federal and American Indian mineral revenue program. The Committee's first meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4.

"Working closely with the Committee, we will come up with solutions for modernizing the

management of public and American Indian assets, while building greater trust and transparency in how we value our nation's public mineral resources,” **said Secretary Zinke**. “It's important that the taxpayers and tribes get the full and fair value of traditional and renewable energy produced on public lands and offshore areas.”

The Committee may also advise the Secretary on the potential impacts of proposed policies and regulations related to revenue collection from energy and mineral development on public lands, including whether a need exists for regulatory reform. To underscore the Department’s commitment to reforming revenue management and royalty collections, the Committee, which may consist of up to 28 members, reflects the diverse perspectives of a wide-range of stakeholders, including representatives of western states and American Indian tribes that produce energy, energy stakeholders, academic groups and the general public, as well as Interior officials. Non-federal members will serve three-year terms.

The Secretary appointed Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, as Chairman of the Committee. “On behalf of the Secretary, I am committed to aligning this Committee with our continuing drive toward making the Department a better business partner and delivering better results for American taxpayers,” **said Chairman DeVito**.

The agenda and meeting materials will be posted on the Committee website at www.doi.gov/rpc.

The meeting is open to members of the public, who may attend in person or view the documents and presentations under discussion via WebEx at <http://bit.ly/1cR9W6t> and listen to the proceedings at telephone number 1-888-455-2910 or International Toll number 210-839-8953 (passcode: 7741096). The public will be invited to make statements during the meeting and file written statements with the Committee for consideration. To submit written comments, contact Kim Oliver at rpc@ios.doi.gov or mail your written comments to Royalty Policy Committee, Attn: Kim Oliver, 1849 C Street NW MS 5134, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Secretary Zinke signed a charter in March of this year establishing the [Royalty Policy Committee](#) to review revenues collected from oil and gas drilling, coal mining and renewable energy production on federal lands and offshore areas, and provide regular advice to the Secretary on the fair market value of and collection of revenues from these Federal and Indian mineral and energy leases. Interested persons were invited in the Federal Register to submit their names under the process outlined in the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The Secretary appointed the following non-federal members to the Committee:

States

Primary Members

Andrew McKee, State of Wyoming

Brent Sanford, State of North Dakota

John Crowther, State of Alaska

Alternate Members

Hans Hunt, State of Wyoming

Lynn Helms, State of North Dakota

Daniel Saddler, State of Alaska

William Darby, State of Texas

Jerry Strickland, State of Texas

Clinton Carter, State of Alabama

Mark Edwards, State of New Mexico

John Andrews, State of Utah

Shawn Thomas, State of Montana

Tribes

Primary Members

Russell Begaye, Navajo Nation

Alternate Members

Bidtah Becker, Navajo Nation

Christopher Adam Red, Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Leslie Shakespeare, Eastern Shoshone Tribe

Charles Robertson, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Neil McCaleb, Chickasaw Nation

Everett Waller, Osage Minerals Council

Harry Barnes, Blackfeet Nation

Mineral/Energy Stakeholders

Primary Members

Alternate Members

Randall Luthi, National Ocean Industries Association

Albert Modiano, US Oil & Gas Association

Patrick Noah, ConocoPhillips Company

Kevin Simpson, Shell Exploration and
Production Co.

Estella Alvarado, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Greg Morby, Chevron North America E&P

John Sweeney, VWR Corporation

Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance

Matthew Adams, Cloud Peak Energy

Gabrielle Gerholt, Concho Resources

Marissa Mitchell, Intersect Power

Jennifer Cadena Fortier, Incremental Oil & Gas
USA

Academia and Public Interest Groups

Primary Members

Alternate Members

Roderick Eggert, Colorado School of Mines

Graham Davis, Colorado School of Mines

Van Romero, New Mexico Institute of Mining and
Technology

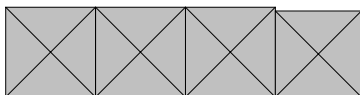
Kwame Awuah-Offei, Missouri University of
Science and Technology

Monte Mills, University of Montana School of Law

Daniel Ruz, Wood Mackenzie

The Federal Register Notice announcing the first meeting of the Committee can be accessed via the web at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/>. Additional information about the Committee and meeting materials can be found on the Committee website.

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